

Leo Garvey Candidate for Nominating Committee

In 2007 WBCCI membership dropped below the point where our bloated celebratory expenses outpaced our income. In 2008 we posted a \$15,000.00 loss. A \$50,000.00 loss is projected for 2009. There isn't a single international leadership initiative in place that will guarantee a balanced budget for 2010. There isn't a single international leadership initiative that will modernize our club, and promote growth in membership. **Will 2020 initiatives ever be implemented?**

Allowing just 3 members, out of 6,000+ members, to *select* next years International Leadership simply doesn't work. We need a competitive election process. One where candidates and nominees will campaign, hoping to earn your vote.

What will I do, if elected?

I will endorse candidates that have a viable recovery plan for the WBCCI. A plan that includes club modernization, profitability, and growth. One that each candidate will take personal ownership of.

I will endorse candidates that will not allow club finances to run in the red, period.

I will endorse candidates that will release a position statement, to our membership, long before the Mid-Winters, detailing their top priorities and plans for our club.

I will do everything I can to give the membership a competitive election, attempting to offer more

than one candidate for each office.

Your International President is attempting to eliminate from-the-floor candidates from the mix. He has now imposed a **\$390 charge** for from-the-floor candidates to publish their election page in the Blue Beret. Do you think this club has free, fair, and open elections? Think again...

If elected, I will save this club nearly \$1,500.00. International Nominating Committee Members qualify for reimbursable travel expenses, ~\$1,750.00 in my case. I am not running for office to be reimbursed. I have always expected my travel to be my expense. If elected, I will submit a partial expense report, just enough to **get my \$390 page charge back**, but I will serve, if elected, as I had planned to do this year, **at no additional cost to the general membership.**

Your International Officers and Committees receive ~\$125,000.00 in reimbursables every year. Primarily travel expenses and attendance fees to our club functions, all year long.

International Officers are responsible for the health and welfare of this club. If they can't run this club profitably, then they should forgo their personal reimbursements.

I fully endorse Nominee Don McKelvey. As my Region President, I've listened and watched as Don has constantly spoken up for the average member. Don continually looks at issues from our perspective. Please



consider casting one of your votes for Don McKelvey.

My opponent is Nominee RB Bernd, Region 10 President. There's little doubt that RB is a great person, but I believe RB will be but a rubber stamp for the status quo.

As Chairman of the 'Name Change Committee,' RB pushed forward the name 'Airstream Owners Association International' (AOAI) for our club, which completely abandoned our historically rich identity. RB's committee also failed to inform the membership that we would be licensing our new club name from Thor, and that such use was not free and unrestricted. In fact, Airstream retained the right to withdraw our use, which could have caused us to have to rename our club yet again in the future!

In 2009 you can make a real difference in our club, by casting your votes for **McKelvey & Garvey**.

Need more information about me? Email me, or visit my web page for a list of my club accomplishments and contributions:

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